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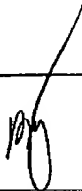
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
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**AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO APRIL 27, 2004 OFFICE ACTION IN
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Sir:

This responds to the April 27, 2004 Interview Summary noting the April 20, 2004 telephonic conference between Examiner Jeffrey A. Shapiro and the undersigned attorney.

The Interview Summary required applicant's filing of a Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

It hereby is affirmatively stated that the Amendment filed on May 3, 2004 responding to the January 30, 2004 Office Action reflected the substance of the telephonic discussion with Examiner Shapiro, consistent with the remarks made by Examiner Shapiro in the Interview Summary concerning amendments to claims 1-31 and new claims 32-65, discussion of Banks U.S. Patent 6,556,027 and Yeh, et al. U.S. Patent Publication 2003-0141973, and structural aspects of the fluid storage and dispensing system, including the membrane element, connector and head structure of the system.

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